

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/764,631	LEOUTSAKOS, THOMAS	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 7/30/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 6, 21, 2-5, 8, 10, 22, and 12-19, renumbered 1-18 respectively.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 8/13/04.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the Claims:**

Claim 20 has been canceled.

Claim 21. (Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a rest member having a support surface; and

a stand for said rest member;

said rest member having apertures therein to permit the adjustment in height thereof with respect to said stand; and

said stand having means thereon for inhibiting any tendency for the stand to become separated from said rest member during usage thereof

wherein the inhibiting means comprises an elastomeric object taking the form of a rubber [rings] ring.

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Claim 22. (Amended) The method of supporting an object comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a rest member having a support surface;
- (b) forming a plurality of differently dimensioned constructs in said support surface; and
- (c) positioning said rest member on a stand therefor to permit the adjustment in height of said rest member with respect to said constructs
- (d) further including the step of providing said rest member with a plurality of elongated apertures of different lengths into [with] which said stand is inserted into two of said apertures and inhibited from separation therefrom by an inhibiting means.

**In the Drawings:**

The following changes to the drawings should be submitted to the Patent Office: Applicant needs to submit formal drawings since the drawings filed on 1/26/2004 have a great deal of hand-drawn parts and reference numbers that include a lot of rough and crooked lines as well as what appear to be mistakes. Applicant should submit formal drawings like those that were submitted for Patent Application Serial No. 10/228,386, now U.S. Patent No. 6,682,147. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make the above drawing changes.

### Remarks

The Examiner's Amendment was done to correct grammatical, typographical, and punctuation errors. The corrections that needed to be done are evident from the above Amendment. Also, Applicant retained Claim 19 but immediately after that, he cancels Claim 19. It appears Applicant intended to cancel Claim 20. The purpose of canceling Claim 20 in the Above Examiner's Amendment was to avoid any confusion when the patent is actually transcribed and to ensure that Claim 19 remained in the application and Claim 20 is canceled.

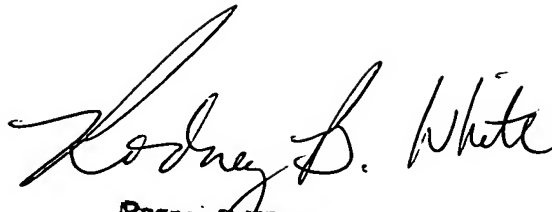
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney B. White whose telephone number is (703) 308-2276. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (703) 308-0827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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